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K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
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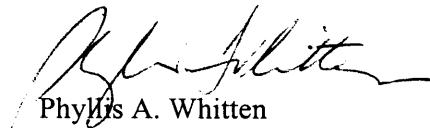
Re: In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities-Based and Resold Local Exchange and Exchange Access Telecommunications Services Throughout the State of Tennessee
Docket No. 00-00075

Dear Mr. Waddell:

At the request of Mr. Darrell Whitis of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's ("TRA's") Staff, please find enclosed for filing on behalf of CenturyTel Solutions, LLC ("CTS") an original and thirteen (13) copies of CTS's responses to the TRA's Information Request of July 20, 2000. CTS is also submitting supplemental responses to the TRA's Information Request of June 30, 2000. CTS respectfully submits this information to assist and expedite the TRA's examination of its application in this matter. Please note that CTS's three year capital costs budget contains confidential and proprietary financial information not generally available to the public. CTS, therefore, is submitting this information in a separately sealed envelope marked "CONFIDENTIAL."

Please date stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope provided. Should you have questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Vickie S. Byrd at (202) 295-8420.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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CENTURYTEL SOLUTIONS, LLC (Docket No. 00-00075)
INFORMATION REQUEST

EXHIBIT A

Financial Qualifications

EXHIBIT B

Numbering Issues

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EXHIBIT A - FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS

Provide the following information of the Applicant:

- 1) Capital Costs budget for the three years including the following: (a) Equipment to be deployed and (b) Cost of equipment, network, switches, and unbundled network elements.**

CTS's Capital Expenditures Budget for three years is attached hereto. The Capital Expenditures Budget contains confidential and proprietary information not generally available to the public. CTS, therefore, is submitting this information in a separate sealed envelope, attached to the original of this filing. CTS respectfully requests that it be given confidential treatment and that it not be made a part of the public record or otherwise be made available for public disclosure.

- 2) Please quantify amounts included in any of the financial statements and projections relating to reciprocal compensation for terminating ISP traffic.**

Reciprocal compensation for terminating ISP traffic is not included in the financial statements submitted by CTS.

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EXHIBIT B - NUMBERING ISSUES

Please provide answers to the following questions concerning numbering within your proposed service area.

- 1) What is your company's expected demand for NXX's per NPA within a year of approval of your application?**

CTS estimates that it will require one (1) block of NXXs per NPA within a year of approval of its application.

- 2) How many NXXs do you estimate that you will request from NANPA when you establish your service footprint?**

CTS estimates that four (4) blocks of NXXs will be requested when it establishes its service footprint.